

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough consideration given to the present application. Applicants acknowledge that prosecution on the merits is closed and that claims 1-8 are allowed.

By this Amendment, the specification is amended to include headings, and a substitute Abstract is provided which complies with USPTO requirements. FIG. 1, a copy of which is attached, was included with the present application as filed. It is believed this drawing was included with the filing papers immediately before the French language International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210).

Claims 1-8 are amended to address the issues noted in the Office Action, as well as other informalities, to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. The claims are further amended to insure open-ended coverage and to provide for infringement at the time the goods are sold prior to being put into use. "Characterising" clauses are also eliminated. The foregoing changes do not require consideration of substantive matters and raise no new issues.

In view of the amendments and remarks herein, favorable reconsideration and allowance are deemed in order and are respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary during prosecution of the present application, Applicants hereby request any required extension of time not otherwise requested and hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge any required fees not otherwise provided for, including application processing, extension of time, and extra claims fees, to Deposit Account No. 07-1337.

Respectfully submitted,

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